

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 624

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in
Bedford County in honor of the late John C.
"Junior" Helton.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late John C. "Junior" Helton, one of Bedford County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Helton, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helton was a highly respected leader in the Deason community of Bedford County for many years, as well as working productively as a farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helton dedicated his life to helping the good people of the Deason community through many avenues, including his meritorious service as their County Commissioner for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, his passing has left a large void, both in the Deason community and throughout Bedford County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge located in the Deason community to honor Mr. Helton's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge on U.S. Highway 231 southbound near Mr. Helton's home (the address therefor being 3334 U.S. Highway 231 N., Shelbyville, Tennessee) in the Deason community in Bedford County is hereby named in honor of the late John C. "Junior" Helton, an accomplished public servant and even finer human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers at the bridge described in the first resolving clause. Such signs or markers shall contain three (3) separate lines and shall read:

"POW
John C. "Junior" Helton
Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Bedford County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Bedford County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department by Bedford County within thirty (30) days of the county receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.